THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR VASANT SATHE): (a) 80 new telephone exchanges (excluding conversions) have been set up in various parts of Gujarat during the last three years (1985—88) as mentioned below:—

Year	Number of new telephone exchanges opened
1985-86	39
1986-87	31
1987-88 (upto 2/88)	10

(b) During the next three years (1988—91) it is propoced to set up about 50 new telephone exchanges of MAX. III type in Gujarat subject to demand for new telephone connections. This does not include conversion or expansion of present telephone exchanges.

(c) Three manual exchanges have been approved for converting into electronic ones in Gujarat as mentioned below:

(i) 240 lines manual exchange working at Rajula by 512 Port I.L.T. electronic exchange during 1988-89.

(ii) 3000 lines Manual exchange working at Navsari by 7000 lines E-10B electronic exchange. The equipment has been allotted for year 1990-91.

(iii) 3200 lines Manual exchange working at Jetpur by 5000 lines E-10B electronic exchange. The exchange has been allotted for year 1990-91.

Four manual exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges at Porbander, Veraval, Gandhidham and Kodinar.

Gas from coal for thermal power stations

2669. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for producing gas out of coal and for use of such gas in the thermal power stations has been evaluated in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CBI Raid on CCL Manager's Residence

2670. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residence of the Area Manager of the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) was recently raided by CBI; and

(b) if so what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The Dhanbad Branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation registered a case RC 19/87 u/s 5(2) r/w 5 (1) (e) of PC Act (Disproportionate Assets) against one Shri Jagdish Kumar Gulati, General Manager, Kathara Area under Central Coalfields Limited on 26.10.1987 as part of the special drive organised by the CBI. Immediately after registration of the case, simultaneous searches were carried out by the CBI